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The previously issued Office action contains a typographic error. Claim 15 is cancelled and is reflected on the correct PTO-37 and Reasons for Allowance attached to this letter.



David A Vanore
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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/643,751	YAMAGUCHI ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed August 9, 2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7-14,16-18 and 20-22.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see page 6, filed August 9, 2006, with respect to claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 10-12, 14, and 20 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objection to claims 1-3, 6, 9-14, and 19-20 and the rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-21 has been withdrawn in view of the changes to the claims made by most recent amendment.
2. Applicants' remarks correctly point out that the Yamaguchi reference EP 1174903 does not teach a two-mode ionization having a moveable desolvation chamber. The previously set forth rejection under 35 USC 102(b) in view of Yamaguchi (EP 1174903) is withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-18, and 20-22 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
5. After review of the prior art, the examiner further cites USPN 6,977,369 to Yamaguchi et al. Though this reference discloses a similar device, there is no apparent double patenting rejection applicable after comparison of the claims. Further, the reference does not appear to be applicable prior art as it is not by another, having the same inventive entity, and
6. As for the previously relied upon Yamaguchi reference (EP 1174903), the applicant has correctly pointed out that the prior art device at least lacks the movable desolvation chamber to effect dual mode ionization of a sample by "cold spray" technique, detailed at Col. 2 of the '369 patent, and electrospray ionization. Therefore, when taken with all the other limitations of claim 1, this feature distinguishes over the prior art.

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7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Vanore whose telephone number is (571) 272-2483. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2477. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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